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1. The educational system in Finland consists of 4 years of elementary school, usually begun at the age of 7 years (I began my school at the age of 5 years), and 8 years of secondary school. After the secondary school, there is a maturity examination. Successful passing of this examination is compulsory for entering the University.
2. The medical studies at the University in Helsinki begin after the maturity examination and consist of: (1) a preliminary examination for entering the Medical Faculty, (2) the examination of the Candidate of Medicine, and (3) the examination of the Licentiate of Medicine.
3. The preliminary examination includes 3 terms (1½ years) of physics (mechanics, thermostatics and thermodynamics, electricity, optics, atom- and radiation-physics), chemistry (inorganic qualitative, quantitative and synthetic; and organic qualitative and synthetic; and biochemistry) and zoology (general zoology, general and microbiology) with theoretical lectures and practical laboratory and dissection from 8:00 am. to 5:00, sometimes 8:00 pm, six days of the week. At the end of the term, there is a final examination in physics, chemistry and zoology as well as in Latin. On the basis of the results obtained in these examinations, the students are selected into the Medical Faculty. Usually some 1/5 to 1/3 of the applicants are accepted and can go on with their studies in the Medical Faculty.
4. The examination of the Candidate of Medicine in the Medical Faculty consists of 3 terms of anatomy (macro- and microanatomy), physiology, physiological chemistry, and pharmacology with theoretical lectures and practical laboratory and dissection during all three terms. At the end of the third term, there is an examination in all these topics.
5. After this examination, the Candidates of Medicine begin the hospital training at the various departments of the University Hospital. This training consists of 7 terms (3½ years) as follows:
 - (a) 1st term. (1) preparadeutics of medicine with theoretical lectures and clinical training; (2) general pathology with lectures and demonstration autopsies, (3) preparadeutics of bacteriology and serology with lectures and laboratory work.

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- (b) 2nd term. (1) ~~propedeutics~~ of surgery and general surgery with lectures and hospital training and demonstrative operations, (2) dermatology and venereology with lectures and hospital training, (3) general nursing with lectures and demonstrations, (4) a course of dentistry with lectures and demonstrations.
- (c) 3rd term. (1) pediatrics, lectures and clinical training, (2) ophthalmology, lectures and clinical training, (3) bacteriology and serology, lectures and laboratory work, (4) epidemiology with lectures and clinical training.
- (d) 4th term. (1) gynecology and obstetrics with lectures, clinical training and demonstration operations in gynecologic and obstetric hospitals, (2) radiology, lectures and demonstrations, (3) a course in writing prescriptions.

(The normal practice is that, after this term, a student may, and usually does, act as deputy for community doctors.)

- (e) 5th term. (1) internal medicine (including tuberculous diseases) with lectures and clinical training, (2) special pathology, lectures and microscopic laboratory work and demonstration autopsies.
- (f) 6th term. (1) psychiatry and neurology, lectures and clinical training, (2) hygiene, lectures and laboratory work, (3) legal medicine, lectures and demonstration autopsies, (4) social medicine lectures.
- (g) 7th term. (1) surgery and neurosurgery, lectures, hospital training and demonstration operations, (2) otorhinolaryngology lectures, clinical training and demonstration operations, (3) physical medicine, lectures and clinical training.

6. After these terms, there is an additional month of polyclinical training at the Internal Medicine Department, the Surgical Department and two weeks at the Dermatological and Venereological polyclinics. In addition to the final examinations in Surgery, Internal Medicine, Gynecology and Obstetrics, Pathology, Hygiene, Legal Medicine, Pediatrics, Dermatology and Venereology, Psychiatry, Bacteriology and Serology, and Otorhinolaryngology, there is also training in the post-mortem examinations before the examination of the Licentiate of Medicine is complete.

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